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FURTHER DISCUSSION OF SEMINAR TIMING AND FEASIBILITY OF HAVING TOP-LEVEL PARTICIPATION BY TYPE OF CANDIDATES ALREADY SELECTED LEADS MISSION TO CONCLUSION THAT THIS HIGHLY DESIRABLE SEMINAR MUST BE POSTPONED TILL LATER IN CALENDAR YEAR. IN ADDITION TO SCHEDULING DIFFICULTY CREATED BY SEMINAR FOLLOWING IMMEDIATELY UPON LENGTHY CHRISTMAS HIATUS (I.E. FROM MID-DECEMBER TO MID-JANUARY), IT NOW APPEARS HIGHLY LIKELY THAT CONGRESS WILL HOLD EMERGENCY SESSION IN JANUARY. SINCE WE ARE PROPOSING AT LEAST FOUR CONGRESSMEN AS PRINCIPALS, AND OTHER PRINCIPALS IN GOVERNMENT, INDUSTRY AND THE MEDIA WHOSE POSITIONS ARE EQUALLY SENSITIVE TO POLITICAL EVENTS, WE BELIEVE SUCCESS OF SEMINAR COULD BE SERIOUSLY JEOPARDIZED IF EMERGENCY SESSION TAKES PLACE. IN VIEW OF ABOVE WE STRONGLY URGE POSTPONEMENT OR, IN THE EVENT THAT NO OPENING POSSIBLE THIS FISCAL YEAR, RESCHEDULING OF SEMINAR.

POST SETS A VERY HIGH VALUE UPON THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF THIS SEMINAR. FULLY APPRECIATE OF DEPARTMENT'S EFFORTS TO SECURE DISTINGUISHED AMERICAN PARTICIPATION, MISSION DESIRES TO UTILIZE THIS RESOURCE TO MAXIMUM BY NOMINATING APPROPRIATE HIGH LEVEL PARTICIPANTS. ADVISE.

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